## The Next Step: A Statewide Forest Plan

his assessment provides an overview of the state of Wisconsin's forest resources and some of the major trends and issues that face those who are interested in our forested lands, their uses, and their future. Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry works with partners on an ongoing basis to address many of these trends and issues. However, this report provides the basis for our next step: to work with our partners and others who care about Wisconsin's forests to develop a statewide forest plan. This plan will articulate a commonly held vision for Wisconsin's forest resources and lay out a strategy for achieving that vision. Wisconsin DNR Division of Forestry will host a series of meetings throughout Wisconsin in 2000-2001, in which we will:

- ▲ Articulate a vision for Wisconsin's forest resources;
- ▲ Identify the issues that affect our ability to achieve that vision. Assess the priority issues that need to be addressed by DNR Division of Forestry and our partners.
- ▲ Outline a course of action to address the priority issues during the next 6–10 years.

We invite you to participate in this forthcoming planning process. If you wish to ensure that you are on our mailing list for this effort, please send your name, postal address, and email address to:

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